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ARREST WARRANT ISSUED FOR GERARD GETHERS FOR FIRST-DEGREE MURDER OF JERRY WHITE IN NORRISTOWN; DA asking for the public's help and offering \$5,000 reward







GERARD GETHERS

NORRISTOWN, Pa. (Nov. 12, 2020) — Montgomery County District Attorney Kevin R. Steele and Norristown Police Chief Mark E. Talbot announce detectives are searching for Gerard Gethers, 29, of West Wellens Street in Philadelphia. Gethers is wanted to face First-Degree Murder charges for the Nov. 3, 2020, murder in Norristown of Jerry "Spider" White. A \$5,000 reward is being offered for information leading to the defendant's arrest.

The murder occurred on election day at 3:36 p.m., Tuesday, Nov. 3, 2020. Norristown Police heard multiple gunshots while on patrol and immediately located the victim, Jerry White, a.k.a. "Spider," in the 500 block of West Marshall Street. The victim was transported to Suburban Hospital, where he was pronounced dead.

Norristown Police and Montgomery County Detectives launched a joint investigation into the homicide, which found the homicide was captured on surveillance video. The video showed that a single man approached White, clearly targeting him as he fired a black semi-automatic pistol several times. Detectives noted that the suspect was wearing a black hooded Nike jacket, had a prominent and distinctive tattoo on his left hand and walked with an unusual gait. The investigation found that Gethers had

previously threatened to "get even" with the victim. Further, Gethers' tattoo on his left hand matches the tattoo observed on the shooter's hand seen in the surveillance video of the homicide.

"This defendant went looking for the victim and when he found him, he shot him dead, using a firearm that he was not legally allowed to possess," said DA Steele. "This is a chilling murder committed while the defendant was out on bail on two cases. One of the cases was for aggravated assault charges and person not to possess a firearm and the second case is for a person not to possess a firearm."

Gethers is a 6-foot tall Black male, weighing approximately 190 pounds. He has brown hair and brown eyes, with a tattoo on his left hand. He is known to frequent Norristown and Philadelphia.

Gethers is considered armed and dangerous. If anyone sees him, do not approach him and immediately call 911. Anyone with information on Gethers' whereabouts is asked to call Norristown Police at 610-270-0977 or Montgomery County Detectives at 610-278-3368. Anonymous text tips can be submitted using MontcoCrimeTips on the STOPit! app. The STOPit! app can be downloaded for free from the App Store for iPhones or Google Play for Androids, then use code MONTCOPA to get the Montgomery County version of the app.

Approved for release:

Kevin R. Steele

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